

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT ON WEST COAST ECOSYSTEM-BASED FISHERY
MANAGEMENT ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION

The Habitat Committee (HC), Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel, and Ecosystem Work Group met together with Yvonne deReynier to discuss the Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Roadmap. The HC is particularly interested in Guiding Principle 3, related to prioritizing vulnerabilities and risks to ecosystems and their components, and Guiding Principle 5, which relates to incorporating ecosystem considerations into management advice. The milestones for both these principles seem appropriate and specific, and we understand they are either underway or likely to be funded.

We understand that some of the information relevant to ecosystem-based fishery management could be incorporated into Council products (in addition to National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS] products). A table showing the nexus between NMFS products and Council processes and specific actions would be helpful (as is suggested in 5b3, 5b4, 5c1), such as essential fish habitat reviews and the Council's Research and Data needs document.

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